

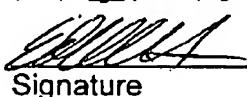
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In re the Application of:  
Kuettner et al.

Serial No.: 10/045,996 Group Art Unit: 3623  
Filed: 10/18/2001 Examiner: A. Boyce  
For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SUPPLY CHAIN MODELING**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Before taking action in this case, in response to the Final Office Action dated April 6, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.